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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-captioned application the following document:

JP 2-48022. This document discloses a desulfurization device. Applicants are not aware of any available English translation of this document, however an English abstract is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the foregoing document by initialing and returning a copy of the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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